

Monday Morning (8)

Dear Miss Browning

I've with much to
change our evening for visiting
you to Monday instead of Tuesday
if it will succeed for you
and I take the earliest train
of letting you know that you
may not have had time to
make any arrangements

Yours ever
Mary Somerville

Somerville

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Mrs. Somerville.

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My dear Lady Anne

It was with very
sincere regret that we were
prevented coming to you on
Saturday evening as we had
intended. We all unite in
offering our best regards to
Sir William and you, and
believe me very sincerely

Yours

Mary Somerville

2^d July

1858

Anne Somerville

Florence 27th Feby 1840

My dear Sir

I am very desirous that my dear friends Mrs and Miss Montgomery should enjoy the pleasure of your acquaintance during their short stay at Rome as I know they will fully appreciate it, and I am as certain that when you know them you will be equally pleased with their society as I cannot say too much in their praise both as to heart and head. They will tell you all about us, how often we regret not being at Rome and how much we prefer it to Florence. The Carrot has been here for some time and yet I have not had

Monsignore de Medici Spada

Monte Citorio

Rome



as yet the good fortune to see the Countess
Palatine having been confined to bed for more
than a fortnight with rather a severe illness
from which I am only beginning to recover
but Dr. Samuella and my daughters have
been at two balls at the Palace where they
met with the most gratifying attentions from
royal family - My illness has not prevented
me from being busy, I have been writing a
great deal and am much assisted in my
new work by the kindness of the Grand Duke who
has given me permission to have the use of
books from his library - I know you will
be happy to hear that Dr. Samuella's health
is rather better though he is still subject to a
return of his old complaints and I have no
doubt but another winter of your warm
climate will be required to restore him
perfectly, should that be the case we all

hope to spend it at Rome. - What a good
opportunity for sending your picture, I am
most anxious to possess it, and I know Mrs.
Montgomery will bring it to me with the
greatest care as they return to Florence in
the beginning of May, however I don't require
it for a remembrance - we have received
great kindness from Madame Lingard and
before I was ill went frequently to see her
I trust soon to be out and among my
friends again but I must wait for milder
weather for it is bitterly cold just now...

Will you have the kindness to offer my best
wishes to Lady Acton, and to accept of every
kind regard yourself both from Dr. Samuella
and my daughters - Yours very dear Sir
very faithfully

Mary Somerville

R. W. Chelsea 29th August 1831

My dear Mary

I am very much gratified by the kind mark of friendship you have shown me in making me a confidant of by far the most important event of your life; be assured you have not a friend who more warmly participates in all that can happen to you than I do. For a very long time I have admired and loved you, you may therefore judge of the pleasure your letter gave me knowing and valuing Mr Lyell as I do. I have had many opportunities of seeing him and of conversing with him on all subjects, and the more I know of him the more reason I find to esteem the excellence both of his heart & head. Highly distinguished for talents as well

requirements, he possesses the domestic qualities that
are fitted to make a wife happy, indeed one
who has been so excellent a son and brother
cannot fail to be a good husband. I do most
cordially wish you both every happiness. The
feelings of your Father and Mother must be of a
very mixed nature, but let us hope that some
unforeseen event will restore them to their
Country and friends, and that you will be spared
the pain of a separation. How little did we
imagine when we took leave of you for an
indefinite time that you were so soon to
return to us, I shall be delighted to receive you
and I trust you will come to us as often as
you are disposed, and that you will make
use of me in any way that I can be of
assistance to you in your Mother's absence.

With the exception of those days in the forest with
the Sotheby's, and one with the Herschels, we have
been constantly at home. We wished much to have
made a little tour this summer, but that has
to all purposes the want of money interfered with
our plans so here we are, I may say left alone
for every body is out of town except those who
are obliged to attend to their parliamentary duties.
As far reform we are tired of the very word, but
I suppose a strong interest will be excited when
it comes before the Upper House. How glad I
am that the alarm of war is over, it would
have been very distressing had you been
disturbed in your beautiful and quiet retreat.
I hear you were not at all apprehensive, and the
event shows how right you have been.
My book is finished at last to my great joy
and I delight in idleness, how long that may last

I know not. Were I with you I could draw
from morning to night. I expect to see a number
of nice sketches when we meet. I recommend
to you to make as many as you can for you
will find it a source of endless amusement to
peruse them in columns. We regretted very
much that your sisters could not spend some
months with us before they left England. It was
a great mortification to the girls. They are now
hurry waiting letters to go by Dr. Kamm who is
to be so kind as carrying this. Offer my kindest
love and congratulations to your Father and
Mother, and tell the dear girls not to forget me.

Mr. Lyell spent a day with us and gave me
an opportunity of witnessing his joy of his good
fortune in drawing such a prize in the
lottery of life. He promised to come back again
but as he has been faithful. I suppose he has

gone to Scotland. - Again love to all

Yours my dear Mary

Ever affectionately

Mary Somerville

Res Louisville

29th August 1831

Miss Warner

Goderburg



My dear Mr Stokes

We should be most
happy to meet with you at
Lodge's on Friday at 4
and we trust you will
come back with us to Chelsea
to a tea Supper which would
make the day still more
agreeable

Ever faithfully yours
Henry Laneauille

9th April

My dear Madame

I am truly obliged to
you for the agreeable account
you give me of dear Mary
Hansen's marriage. We are
all deeply interested in her
welfare, and from our
knowledge of Mr. Lyell have
every reason to believe that
she will be happy. I feel
much for her parents are
parting with such a treasure
even under the best

Wm. Somerville writing
August 1832

Mrs. Mary Hansen's
Marriage at home

Mary Fairfax

favorable circumstances.

I. Somerville sends with
me in offering our best
regards, and believe me
to be dear Madam

truly yours
Mary Somerville

July 29th 1832

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ihren eigenen und den Gesundheits-
zustand ihres Mannes und ihrer
Töchter, sonst freundschaftlichen
und familiären Inhaltes.

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